



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

For having received and distributed child pornography on January 9, 2008, Harry Howard was sentenced by the Honorable Joseph F. Bataillon, Chief United States District Judge, to serve 60 months in prison, which will be followed by a 10 year term of Supervised Release, and to pay a \$100 Special Assessment. Howard has forfeited to the United States a desktop computer, a laptop computer, an external hard drive, and multiple compact discs that were all used to store child pornography.

Using an Internet file sharing program on January 9, 2008, FBI agents on the east coast downloaded eleven images of child pornography from a computer connected to the Internet via the same file sharing program in Omaha. FBI agents then determined the target computer belonged to Howard, obtained a search warrant, and seized computers and computer peripherals from him, including the Internet sharing software from his computer. FBI analysis found more than 13,000 images and movies depicting child pornography stored in the items seized from Howard.

Name of Defendant: Harry Howard

AKA: n/a

Age: 58

City of Residence: Omaha

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Receipt and Distribution of Child Pornography carries not less than 5 but not more than 20 years in prison, not more than a \$250,000 fine, not less than 5 yrs term of Supervised Release, and a \$100 Special Assessment; Possession of Child Pornography carries not more than 10 years in prison, not more than a \$250,000 fine, not less than 5 yrs term of Supervised Release, and a \$100 Special Assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: His home

Location of Arrest: He was summonsed to court

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: n/a

Others Charged in Same Scheme: n/a

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: January 9, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: n/a

Date Complaint Issued: n/a

Indictment Returned Date: October 22, 2008

Initial Appearance Date: November 20, 2008,

Plea Date(s): May 29, 2009

Sentencing Date: February 18, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: n/a

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Hon. F. A. Gossett

Released from Custody: Yes

In Continuous Custody Since: n/a

Assigned District Court Judge: Hon. Joseph Bataillon

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